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Dear Ms. Kane,

Pursuant to IC 4-22, the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship ("OSBE") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 14-510 proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission ("Commission"). The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 9-7-3 governing catfish. It amends 312 IAC 9-7-16 governing sport fishing on the Ohio River. It amends 312 IAC 9-8-2 governing commercial fishing for catfish except on the Ohio River. It amends 312 IAC 9-8-6 governing commercial fishing for catfish on the Ohio River. Effective thirty (30) days after filing with the Publisher.

The economic impact statement prepared by the Commission states there will cost each commercial fishing business \$375.55 per year. The sale of commercial fishing licenses, both for inland water and the Ohio River, are not expected to change because an unlimited number of blue and flathead catfish can be taken that are at least 13 inches and less than 35 inches and an unlimited number of channel catfish can be taken that are at least 13 inches and less than 28 inches. Kentucky has similar regulations on the Ohio River, and Illinois is working on similar regulations for the Wabash River. OSBE does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232.5679 or ombudsman@osbe.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Scheub".

Erik Scheub